

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **1.3105 ha (FP/TG/OFC/142849/2021)** passing through various RFs of WLM Nagarjuna Sagar Forest Division of Nalgonda District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad - Final (Stage.II) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 38

Dated: 23-04-2025
Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), Telangana State, Hyd, Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/10/2022-FCA Section, dt:29.04.2022.
- 2.Govt.Lr.No.1774/For.I(1)/2022, dt:24-05-2022.
- 3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub Office(Regional Office, Chennai) Hyd., F.No.4-TSB281/2022-HYD/567, dt.30.06.2022.
- 4.From PCCF, (HoFF),TG, Hyd, Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/10/2022- FCA Section, Dt.12.11.2024.
- 5.Govt.Letter.No.1774/For.I(1)/2022, Dt.23.11.2024.
- 6.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub Office(Regional Office, Chennai) Hyd., F.No.4-TSB282/2022-HYD/69, dt.13.03.2025.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **1.3105 ha** passing through various RFs of WLM Nagarjuna Sagar Forest Division of Nalgonda District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal (**FP/TG/OFC/142849/2021**) under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of **1.3105 ha (FP/TG/OFC/142849/2021)** passing through various RFs of WLM Nagarjuna Sagar Forest Division of Nalgonda District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s. Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

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- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency prior to execution of work in consultation with the DFO/DCF concerned. State Forest Department should complete the demarcation of the forest land diverted from the money received for this purpose from the user agency before the forest land is actually handed over to the User Agency for execution of field work.
- iii. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over the identified 2.621 ha of degraded forest land (Compartment No. 72, RF-Nellika, Range-Nagarjuna Sagar, Division-Nagarjuna Sagar, at the cost of the user agency. A mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- iv. The identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- v. Further, CA is proposed within the Tiger Reserve Area, this area is acceptable only if there is a provision for raising plantation within the TR as per the approved Management Plan of the TR. If not, the State Government shall identify another location for raising CA and the scheme shall be accordingly modified and approval taken from the Regional Office.
- vi. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- vii. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department, if any trees are to be felled in the proposed area of diversion.
- viii. Since the proposed forest diversion is within a Protected Area/Tiger Reserve, the State Government and user agency must comply with all the conditions stipulated by the SC-NBWL in its 72nd meeting. Wildlife mitigation measures stipulated in the approval of SC-NBWL shall be complied with fully.
- ix. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to designated CAMPA account of the State only through e-portal.
- x. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- xii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- xiii. As the proposed area falls within PA/TR, the field work shall be done after the sun rise and shall be closed before sun set every day.

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- xiv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 - xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 - xvi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
 - xvii. The OFC cable shall be laid down 1.5 meters below the ground and after laying down of the cable, the ground shall be leveled to its natural ground level.
 - xviii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
 - xix. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Regional Office, Chennai/Sub Office, Hyderabad (Central) may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency:
 - xx. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.
 - xxi. The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project; and
 - xxii. The compliance report on the above conditions shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) by the user agency/ SFD.
 - xxiii. The User Agency shall provide CA-NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER